

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) A method of supporting a urethra in a female adult human comprising:

providing a surgical tape comprising a first end, a second end, and a supporting zone  
interposed between the first end and the second end, wherein said tape is between about 8 to 20  
cm in length;

introducing ~~thea~~ surgical ~~implant~~tape into at least one incision made on an upper wall of the vagina;

inserting ~~at~~the first end of the surgical ~~implant~~tape behind a first side of the urethra;

~~locating a first fixing zone of the surgical implant~~ the first end of the surgical tape into the tissues of the retropubic space ~~fascia~~ without penetrating the rectus sheath; and

inserting ~~at~~the second end of the surgical ~~implant~~tape behind a second side of the urethra;  
and

~~locating a second fixing zone of the surgical implant~~ the second end of the surgical tape  
into the tissues of the retropubic space without penetrating the rectus sheath, such that the  
supporting zone passes under the urethra.

33. (Currently Amended) A method of transmitting intra-abdominal pressure to the urethra comprising:

providing a first surgical tape comprising a first end and a second end, and a second  
surgical tape comprising a first end and a second end, wherein each of said first tape and said  
second tape is between about 2 to 8 cm in length;

introducing ~~a first anchor strip~~ the first surgical tape into at least one incision made on an upper wall of the vagina;

inserting ~~a first portion of the first anchor strip~~ the first end of the first surgical tape  
behind a first side of the urethra;

~~——— locating a first portion including a fixing zone of the first anchor strip and fixing said first~~  
~~end of the first surgical tape~~ into tissues of the retropubic space above the endopelvic fascia  
without penetrating the rectus sheath;

~~locating a second portion of the first anchor strip~~ the second end of the first surgical tape  
alongside the urethra ~~and inserting the second end into~~ the suburethral pressure compartment  
below the endopelvic fascia;

~~inserting a second anchor strip~~ the first end of the second surgical tape behind a second  
side of the urethra;

~~——— locating a first portion including a fixing zone of the second anchor strip and fixing the~~  
~~first end the second surgical tape~~ into the tissues of the retropubic space above the endopelvic  
fascia without penetrating the rectus sheath; and

~~locating a second portion of the second anchor strip~~ the second end of the second surgical  
tape alongside the urethra ~~and inserting the second end into~~ the suburethral pressure  
compartment below the endopelvic fascia.

34-35. (Canceled)

36. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein the tape is between approximately 10 to 15 cm  
in length.

37. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein the tape is between approximately 4 to 8 cm in  
length.

38. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein the first end and second end of the first surgical  
tape and the second surgical tape each comprise a tissue anchor comprising tooth-like projections

39. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein the first end and second end of the first surgical  
tape and the second surgical tape comprise a glue.